

# **Basic Christian Doctrines I**

## **Foundations of Faith**

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## INTRODUCTION

“When I lived in the Bible Belt, I was constantly amazed at the way people who were heavily influenced by Southern Baptist anti-creedalism, enthusiastically embraced this-or-that person's teaching, but when I asked them "is his doctrine available in a book or a tract?" they would answer, "Oh, no, it's not doctrine, it's a teaching."

**Christian stability is determined by what one believes in reference to Sound Doctrine**

–Internet blog

**Jas 1:5-8** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**Eph 4:14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

**“You cannot trust what you do not know or what you are not sure of”**

### I. Definitions

- A. Doctrine “something taught, instruction or teachings, to teach the substance”
- B. Theology - the study of God, of religious doctrines and of matters pertaining to divinity.” Theology is the orderly arrangement of facts pertaining to divinity in a logical manner.
  - “Theos”, meaning God
  - “Logos”, meaning “Word, or Discourse”.
- C. Revelation “Apokalupsis” “an uncovering, to uncover or unveil, to make known something hidden or secret”. In theology ‘revelation’ refers to God unveiling Himself to mankind, and communicating truth to man that he could not otherwise discover.

### II. Distinctions in Theology

- A. Doctrine vs. Dogma –THIS IS IMPORTANT!!!
  - DOGMA - man’s statement of OR about a truth that is set forth in a teaching or a creed to with the purpose of producing a belief system in the recipient.
    - Sound Doctrine – doctrine based on the revelation of the Word of God
    - Traditions – What a group of people believe, i.e. Baptism, Holy Spirit
    - False Doctrine – doctrine that “adds to” or “takes away from” the gospel of Christ
    - What a person believes may not be based in the truth of God’s Word.
    - New Age (Far Eastern) Thought –“What is truth to you may not be truth to me!”
    - Every lie is based on an element of truth. It is simply a truth that has become “skewed” in the heart of the hearer.
  - DOCTRINE - God’s revelation of truth as revealed from the scriptures through the understanding of the Holy Spirit.
- B. It is easy to move from Biblical and fundamentally sound doctrine into dogmatic and blindly following of church creeds and beliefs. This is why personal study of the scriptures is so essential.

**2Ti 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself (to others as) approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- C. How our heart hears truth may or may not bear fruit. We can skew things to become a false doctrine if our heart is not right

**Lu 8:11** Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.....

**Lu 8:17-18** For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

Therefore **take heed how you hear** (implies the “Word). For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”

### “What God’s Word says is truth!”

B. Exegetical Theology

- “Exegesis” means, “to lead, guide or draw out”. In theology it refers to the analysis and interpretation of scripture.

C. Biblical Theology

- Topical in nature
- Traces the progression of Truth through the books of the Bible. This type of teaching arrives at truth by “connects the dots”
- It follows the teachings and principles through scripture, seeing how they are presented from Genesis to Revelation.

D. Systematic Theology

- The orderly arrangement into topics of the doctrines concerning God, Jesus, Man, Angels, Sin and Salvation.

## THE SOURCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

### I. God: The Source of all Knowledge & Revelation

- A. All revelation, knowledge and wisdom comes from God  
The devil perverts God’s knowledge in the mind of men

**De 29:29** The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

**De 32:1-6** "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.

For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God.

He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

They have corrupted themselves; They are not His children, Because of their blemish: A perverse and crooked generation.

Do you thus deal with the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you?

### II. Jesus - The Anointed of God: The Source Of Truth

- A. Jesus is he embodiment of all revelation, knowledge and wisdom from God

**Joh 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**Mt 22:16** And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.

**Lu 9:35** And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!

**Joh 16:12-13** I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

**Heb 1:2** has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

**Joh 7:16-18** Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

**Mt 11:27-30** "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him

B. We have the same anointing in us that was in Jesus

**1Joh 2:27** But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

**Joh 14:26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you

**Joh 15:26** But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify (be a witness) of Me

**1Joh 4:6** We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error

### III. The Word of God: The Source of Instruction in Righteousness

A. What is the correct doctrine?

- Man, by himself, does not know what to believe.
  - God has given us the Bible for "instruction in righteousness" or sound doctrine
  - We are dependent upon the Spirit of Revelation to illuminate to our minds what God inspires
- Luke 1:1-4** Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.
- The Bible instructs the Believer
  - Knowing the Word (Bible) brings "certainty of knowledge" (doctrine)

**Acts 1:1-3** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

- Jesus taught the Apostles the doctrine of the Kingdom of God and more specifically ABOUT God

**Joh 7:16** Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

**Mt 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Lu 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. (Road to Emmaus)

**Joh 2:22** Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

B. What is the Purpose of Scripture?

**2Ti 3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

1. Scripture is where Christian doctrine is obtained
2. Scripture is given under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit directly from God
  - Inspiration: (theopneustos) divinely “breathed in”
3. Scripture is profitable
  - Profitable: (ophelimos) helpful or serviceable, i.e. advantageous
4. Scripture reproves the individual
  - Reproves: (elegchos) proof, conviction:--evidence, reproof
5. Scripture corrects the individual
  - Corrects: (epanorthosis) a straightening up again, i.e. (figuratively) rectification (reformation):-- correction.
6. Scripture provides instruction in righteousness
  - Instruction (didaskalia) doctrine, learning, teaching
  - Righteousness: (dikaiousune) equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification:--righteousness; evenhandedness, fairness, impartiality, justice, justness
7. Scripture thoroughly equips the believer
  - **Equipped**: (**exartizo**) to finish out (time) thoroughly; figuratively, to equip fully (a teacher):--accomplish, thoroughly furnish
8. Scripture equips for the purpose of every good work

**Good Work**: (agathos + ergon)

  - **good** (in any sense, often as noun):--benefit, good(-s, things), well.
  - **ergo** (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act:--deed, doing, labor, work

C. What does scripture teach us?

1. The Word of God has a “cause and effect” on the life of the Believer

**Ps 19:7-11** The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

2. Doctrine derived from the Word of God teaches us about God and His will

**Joh 5:39** You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me

**Joh 5:46** For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

**Ac 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

3. Doctrine derived from the Word of God teaches us about us
  - WHO we are
  - WHAT we believe
  - WHY we believe it

3. Teachings (whether true or false) received, believed, obeyed and continually practiced determine:
  - CHARACTER – What we are
  - BEHAVIOR – What we do
  - DESTINY – Where we go
4. Christian Doctrine is found primarily in the New Testament
5. Doctrine found in the Old Testament forms a basis for teaching by example our relationships with God and people
  - Christian Doctrine of God’s relationship to His creation is found systematically in the Epistle of Romans
  - Christian Doctrine with respect to conduct is found all the other epistles

**RIGHT TEACHING = RIGHT THINKING = RIGHT LIVING**

**“It is possible to be saved believing the wrong things and not experience the abundant life”**

- Paul, and the other Apostles, understood that it is what we believe that determines our character and conduct, not the other way around.
- Christians are instructed to never seek to establish our ‘right position’ with God based on our ‘performance’ of His commands.
- We are set into our spiritual position with God through faith. This is what the Bible calls being “in Christ”. We are to live our lives from that understanding.
- What a person believes inwardly will determine what he does outwardly. This called “fruit”. The fruit on a tree proceeds from the original seed. Plant the right seed, and you’ll enjoy the right fruit.
- Therefore, the level to which we embrace sound doctrine found in the Word of God is the determining factor which will produce the abundant life and the victory provided for us by the cross of Jesus.
- The Word of God is ABSOLUTE TRUTH!

*An atheist once said, “There are no absolutes!” When asked if he really believed this he replied, “Absolutely!” – Internet source*

#### **IV. The Spirit of Truth or the Spirit of Error**

**The mind of GOD - The mind of MAN - The mind of SATAN**

A. Doctrine is initiated from one of two sources: God OR Satan

<b>GOD</b>	<b>SATAN</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Spirit of Truth</li> <li>• Light</li> <li>• Doctrine of God</li> <li>• Doctrine of Christ</li> <li>• Doctrine of the Apostles</li> <li>• Believing</li> <li>• Life and liberty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Spirit of Error</li> <li>• Darkness</li> <li>• Doctrine of Satan</li> <li>• Doctrine of demons</li> <li>• Doctrine of Man</li> <li>• Deceiving spirits</li> <li>• Death and Bondage</li> </ul>

- Hierarchy enters into the thinking through “wrong thinking”

**Mt 16:12** Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

- A heart inclined to follow God will hear correctly

**Joh 8:47** He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.

**1Jo 4:6** We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

**Joh 7:17** "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.

**Joh 10:26-27** "But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

- Satan influences the mind of man because they do not love truth above their agenda

**2Th 2:9-12** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this reason God will send them (give them over to) strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**1Ti 4:1-3** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

#### B. Traditions of Men have the power to counter Sound Doctrine

**Mr 7:13** "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

**Col 2:8** Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

*Sound Doctrine, based on the truth of the Word of God, will always bring "balance" to the Believer in all areas of life!*

## THE PURPOSE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

### I. Sound Doctrine Provides Truth

**2Ti 4:2-4** Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. (doctrine)

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

**SOUND** (hugiaino) to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); figuratively, to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine):--be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole(-some).

**DOCTRINE** (didaskalia) instruction (the function or the information):--doctrine, learning, teaching.

**Joh 17:17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

**Ps 33:4** For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

### II. Sound Doctrine Provides a Godly Belief System

- Doctrine defines the boundaries of our lives. *The WHERE , HOW, WHEN & WHY*

- We will always live according to what we truly believe, even if what we believe is false.
- The Word of God produces sound doctrine and the right world view (God's point of View)
- The Word of God provides examples and warnings against false teachings and those who advance such

**1Ti 1:3-7** As I urged you when I went into Macedonia--remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

**2Ti 4:2-4** Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering (patient endurance) and teaching (doctrine, instruction) For the time will come when they will not endure (to hold ones self against) sound (to be safe & healthy) doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

**Ro 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### III. Sound Doctrine vs. Revelation

**Gal 1:11-12** But I make known to you, brethren that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

#### Revelation of Jesus determines whether we have correct doctrine

**1Co 2:1-11** And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."  
But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

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forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

**1Sa 3:21** Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

## **DOCTRINE OF THE APOSTLES**

### **I. Itinerant Preaching**

**Doctrine came by revelation to the Apostles and Prophets**

**Ac 6:7** Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

**Ac 13:49** And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

**Ac 15:12** Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.

**Ac 19:11** Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

### **II. The Epistles**

Formal letters written to the churches and to individuals from the Apostles clarifying doctrine issues in the church.

### **III. The Gospels**

The “Gospels” written between 68 A.D. and 100 A.D. are narratives which were authored by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to capture “the events” of Jesus’ earthly existence and ministry.

### **IV. The Didache**

A. Means the “Teaching”

B. Discovery in 1873 –Published in 1883

The Didache was discovered by Philotheos Bryennios at Constantinople in the year 1873, but it was not published until 1883. It excited the interests of many scholars because of what seemed to be one of the roots or origins of a later work called the Apostolic Constitution, an instructional guide for the church.

The famous church historian, Phillip Schaff, ranks the Didache as first among the works of the post-apostolic age. There are a number of reasons for this and for the belief of many scholars that it is probably the earliest writing available to us outside of the New Testament.

C. Importance

1. It is a “summary” of basic instruction about the Christian life for converts preparing for baptism and church membership. It is believed to be adapted from an existing first century Jewish tract, but with significant alterations [Jewish Encyclopedia, 1906]. This document was believed to be used to instruct proselytes in both religions.
2. The document is believed to be used by the Early Church Leaders as a basis for doctrine before the Canon of Scripture or Apostles Creeds were established
3. Called "The Lord's Teaching of the Twelve Apostles" which Jerome said was the same as the Gospel according to the Hebrews.
4. A fuller title or subtitle is also found next in the manuscript, "The Teaching of the Lord to the Gentiles by the Twelve Apostles"

D. Contents

The contents may be divided into four parts, which most scholars agree were combined from separate sources by a later redactor: the first is the Two Ways, the Way of Life and the Way of Death (chapters 1-6); the second part is a ritual dealing with baptism, fasting, and Communion (chapters 7-10); the third speaks of the ministry and how to deal with traveling prophets (chapters 11-15); and the final section (chapter 16) is a brief apocalypse.

The Didache is unique amongst early Christian texts by its emphasis on itinerant ministers, which it describes as apostles and prophets; while it provides for a local ministry of bishops and deacons, these are described in far more detail in the writings of Ignatius of Antioch and Clement of Rome.

Sayings of Jesus were probably in wide circulation in both oral and written form. The Didache refers to a collection of the sayings of Jesus known as "The Gospel of the Lord" but none of the four canonized gospels. Mark wrote his Gospel based on the preaching of Peter, as most New Testament scholars maintain.

# THE DIDACHE

## “Teaching of the Twelve Apostles”

Translated by Charles H. Hoole

### *PART 1: The Two Ways to Life*

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#### CHAPTER 1

##### *The Path of Life – Love God and Love people*

- 1:1 There are two paths, one of life and one of death, and the difference is great between the two paths.
- 1:2 Now the path of life is this -- first, thou shalt love the God who made thee, thy neighbour as thyself, and all things that thou wouldest not should be done unto thee, do not thou unto another.
- 1:3 And the doctrine of these maxims is as follows. Bless them that curse you, and pray for your enemies. Fast on behalf of those that persecute you; for what thank is there if ye love them that love you? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? But do ye love them that hate you, and ye will not have an enemy.
- 1:4 Abstain from fleshly and worldly lusts. If any one give thee a blow on thy right cheek, turn unto him the other also, and thou shalt be perfect; if any one compel thee to go a mile, go with him two; if a man take away thy cloak, give him thy coat also; if a man take from thee what is thine, ask not for it again, for neither art thou able to do so.
- 1:5 Give to every one that asketh of thee, and ask not again; for the Father wishes that from his own gifts there should be given to all. Blessed is he who giveth according to the commandment, for he is free from guilt; but woe unto him that receiveth. For if a man receive being in need, he shall be free from guilt; but he who receiveth when not in need, shall pay a penalty as to why he received and for what purpose; and when he is in tribulation he shall be examined concerning the things that he has done, and shall not depart thence until he has paid the last farthing.
- 1:6 For of a truth it has been said on these matters, let thy almsgiving abide in thy hands until thou knowest to whom thou hast given.
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#### CHAPTER 2

##### *The Path of Death – Sinning against people and God*

- 2:1 But the second commandment of the teaching is this.
- 2:2 Thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not corrupt youth; thou shalt not commit fornication; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not use soothsaying; thou shalt not practice sorcery; thou shalt not kill a child by abortion, neither shalt thou slay it when born; thou shalt not covet the goods of thy neighbor;
- 2:3 thou shalt not commit perjury; thou shalt not bear false witness; thou shalt not speak evil; thou shalt not bear malice;
- 2:4 thou shalt not be double-minded or double-tongued, for to be double tongued is the snare of death.
- 2:5 Thy speech shall not be false or empty, but concerned with action.
- 2:6 Thou shalt not be covetous, or rapacious, or hypocritical, or malicious, or proud; thou shalt not take up an evil design against thy neighbor;
- 2:7 thou shalt not hate any man, but some thou shalt confute, concerning some thou shalt pray, and some thou shalt love beyond thine own soul.
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#### CHAPTER 3

##### *Path of Life – Christian conduct*

- 3:1 My child, fly from everything that is evil, and from everything that is like to it.
- 3:2 Be not wrathful, for wrath leadeth unto slaughter; be not jealous, or contentious, or quarrelsome, for from all these things slaughter ensues.
- 3:3 My child, be not lustful, for lust leadeth unto fornication; be not a filthy talker; be not a lifter up of the eye, for from all these things come adulteries.

- 3:4 My child, be not an observer of omens, since it leadeth to idolatry, nor a user of spells, nor an astrologer, nor a travelling purifier, nor wish to see these things, for from all these things idolatry ariseth.
- 3:5 My child, be not a liar, for lying leadeth unto theft; be not covetous or conceited, for from all these things thefts arise.
- 3:6 My child, be not a murmurer, since it leadeth unto blasphemy; be not self-willed or evil-minded, for from all these things blasphemies are produced;
- 3:7 but be thou meek, for the meek shall inherit the earth;
- 3:8 be thou longsuffering, and compassionate, and harmless, and peaceable, and good, and fearing always the words that thou hast heard.
- 3:9 Thou shalt not exalt thyself, neither shalt thou put boldness into thy soul. Thy soul shall not be joined unto the lofty, but thou shalt walk with the just and humble.
- 3:10 Accept the things that happen to thee as good, knowing that without God nothing happens.
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#### **CHAPTER 4**

##### ***The Path of Life - Following the Spirit***

- 4:1 My child, thou shalt remember both night and day him that speaketh unto thee the Word of God; thou shalt honour him as thou dost the Lord, for where the teaching of the Lord is given, there is the Lord;
- 4:2 thou shalt seek out day by day the favour of the saints, that thou mayest rest in their words;
- 4:3 thou shalt not desire schism, but shalt set at peace them that contend; thou shalt judge righteously; thou shalt not accept the person of any one to convict him of transgression;
- 4:4 thou shalt not doubt whether a thing shall be or not.
- 4:5 Be not a stretcher out of thy hand to receive, and a drawer of it back in giving.
- 4:6 If thou hast, give by means of thy hands a redemption for thy sins.
- 4:7 Thou shalt not doubt to give, neither shalt thou murmur when giving; for thou shouldst know who is the fair recompenser of the reward.
- 4:8 Thou shalt not turn away from him that is in need, but shalt share with thy brother in all things, and shalt not say that things are thine own; for if ye are partners in what is immortal, how much more in what is mortal?
- 4:9 Thou shalt not remove thine heart from thy son or from thy daughter, but from their youth shalt teach them the fear of God.
- 4:10 Thou shalt not command with bitterness thy servant or thy handmaid, who hope in the same God as thyself, lest they fear not in consequence the God who is over both; for he cometh not to call with respect of persons, but those whom the Spirit hath prepared.
- 4:11 And do ye servants submit yourselves to your masters with reverence and fear, as being the type of God.
- 4:12 Thou shalt hate all hypocrisy and everything that is not pleasing to God;
- 4:13 thou shalt not abandon the commandments of the Lord, but shalt guard that which thou hast received, neither adding thereto nor taking therefrom;
- 4:14 thou shalt confess thy transgressions in the Church, and shalt not come unto prayer with an evil conscience. This is the path of life.
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#### **CHAPTER 5**

##### ***The Path of death – following the Flesh***

- 5:1 But the path of death is this. First of all, it is evil, and full of cursing; there are found murders, adulteries, lusts, fornication, thefts, idolatries, soothsaying, sorceries, robberies, false witnessings, hypocrisies, double-mindedness, craft, pride, malice, self-will, covetousness, filthy talking, jealousy, audacity, pride, arrogance;
- 5:2 there are they who persecute the good -- lovers of a lie, not knowing the reward of righteousness, not cleaving to the good nor to righteous judgment, watching not for the good but for the bad, from whom meekness and patience are afar off, loving things that are vain, following after recompense, having no compassion on the needy, nor labouring for him that is in trouble, not knowing him that made them, murderers of children, corrupters of the image of God, who turn away from him that is in need, who oppress him that is in trouble, unjust judges of the poor, erring in all things. From all these, children, may ye be delivered.

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## **CHAPTER 6**

### ***Guarding against false doctrine & meat offered to idols***

- 6:1 See that no one make thee to err from this path of doctrine, since he who doeth so teacheth thee apart from God.
- 6:2 If thou art able to bear the whole yoke of the Lord, thou wilt be perfect; but if thou art not able, what thou art able, that do.
- 6:3 But concerning meat, bear that which thou art able to do. But keep with care from things sacrificed to idols, for it is the worship of the infernal deities.

## ***PART 2: Rituals & Daily living***

### ***Instruction in Ritual & Christian services***

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## **CHAPTER 7**

### ***Teaching about baptism, the breaking of bread and the order of the cup, fastings, giving of thanks after a meal***

- 7:1 But concerning baptism, thus baptize ye: having first recited all these precepts, baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in running water;
- 7:2 but if thou hast not running water, baptize in some other water, and if thou canst not baptize in cold, in warm water;
- 7:3 but if thou hast neither, pour water three times on the head, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- 7:4 But before the baptism, let him who baptizeth and him who is baptized fast previously, and any others who may be able. And thou shalt command him who is baptized to fast one or two days before.
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## **CHAPTER 8**

### ***Fasting & Prayer***

- 8:1 But as for your fasts, let them not be with the hypocrites, for they fast on the second and fifth days of the week, but do ye fast on the fourth and sixth days.
- 8:2 Neither pray ye as the hypocrites, but as the Lord hath commanded in his gospel so pray ye: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done as in heaven so on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debt, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil: for thine is the power, and the glory, for ever.
- 8:3 Thrice a day pray ye in this fashion.
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## **CHAPTER 9**

### ***Eucharist & Breaking of Bread***

- 9:1 But concerning the Eucharist, after this fashion give ye thanks.
- 9:2 First, concerning the cup. We thank thee, our Father, for the holy vine, David thy Son, which thou hast made known unto us through Jesus Christ thy Son; to thee be the glory for ever.
- 9:3 And concerning the broken bread. We thank thee, our Father, for the life and knowledge which thou hast made known unto us through Jesus thy Son; to thee be the glory for ever.
- 9:4 As this broken bread was once scattered on the mountains, and after it had been brought together became one, so may thy Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth unto thy kingdom; for thine is the glory, and the power, through Jesus Christ, for ever.
- 9:5 And let none eat or drink of your Eucharist but such as have been baptized into the name of the Lord, for of a truth the Lord hath said concerning this, Give not that which is holy unto dogs.
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## **CHAPTER 10**

### ***Prayer & benediction at end of Breaking of Bread***

- 10:1 But after it has been completed, so pray ye.
- 10:2 We thank thee, holy Father, for thy holy name, which thou hast caused to dwell in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality which thou hast made known unto us through Jesus thy Son; to thee be the glory for ever.

- 10:3 Thou, Almighty Master, didst create all things for the sake of thy name, and hast given both meat and drink, for men to enjoy, that we might give thanks unto thee, but to us thou hast given spiritual meat and drink, and life everlasting, through thy Son.
- 10:4 Above all, we thank thee that thou art able to save; to thee be the glory for ever.
- 10:5 Remember, Lord, thy Church, to redeem it from every evil, and to perfect it in thy love, and gather it together from the four winds, even that which has been sanctified for thy kingdom which thou hast prepared for it; for thine is the kingdom and the glory for ever.
- 10:6 Let grace come, and let this world pass away. Hosanna to the Son of David. If any one is holy let him come (to the Eucharist); if any one is not, let him repent. Maranatha. Amen.
- 10:7 But charge the prophets to give thanks, so far as they are willing to do so.

### ***PART 3: Itinerant Ministers***

*Instruction in relationships with respect to Apostles, Prophets, false brethren, and the selection of leaders*

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#### **CHAPTER 11**

##### ***Concerning Apostles, Prophets & False teachers***

- 11:1 Whosoever, therefore, shall come and teach you all these things aforesaid, him do ye receive;
- 11:2 but if the teacher himself turn and teach another doctrine with a view to subvert you, hearken not to him; but if he come to add to your righteousness, and the knowledge of the Lord, receive him as the Lord.
- 11:3 But concerning the apostles and prophets, thus do ye according to the doctrine of the Gospel.
- 11:4 Let every apostle who cometh unto you be received as the Lord.
- 11:5 He will remain one day, and if it be necessary, a second; but if he remain three days, he is a false prophet.
- 11:6 And let the apostle when departing take nothing but bread until he arrive at his resting-place; but if he ask for money, he is a false prophet.
- 11:7 And ye shall not tempt or dispute with any prophet who speaketh in the spirit; for every sin shall be forgiven, but this sin shall not be forgiven.
- 11:8\ But not every one who speaketh in the spirit is a prophet, but he is so who hath the disposition of the Lord; by their dispositions they therefore shall be known, the false prophet and the prophet.
- 11:9 And every prophet who ordereth in the spirit that a table shall be laid, shall not eat of it himself, but if he do otherwise, he is a false prophet;
- 11:10 and every prophet who teacheth the truth, if he do not what he teacheth is a false prophet;
- 11:11 and every prophet who is approved and true, and ministering in the visible mystery of the Church, but who teacheth not others to do the things that he doth himself, shall not be judged of you, for with God lieth his judgment, for in this manner also did the ancient prophets.
- 11:12 But whoever shall say in the spirit, Give me money, or things of that kind, listen not to him; but if he tell you concerning others that are in need that ye should give unto them, let no one judge him.

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#### **CHAPTER 12**

##### ***Concerning False Brethren***

- 12:1 Let every one that cometh in the name of the Lord be received, but afterwards ye shall examine him and know his character, for ye have knowledge both of good and evil.
- 12:2 If the person who cometh be a wayfarer, assist him so far as ye are able; but he will not remain with you more than two or three days, unless there be a necessity.
- 12:3 But if he wish to settle with you, being a craftsman, let him work, and so eat;
- 12:4 but if he know not any craft, provide ye according to your own discretion, that a Christian may not live idle among you;
- 12:5 but if he be not willing to do so, he is a trafficker in Christ. From such keep aloof.

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#### **CHAPTER 13**

##### ***Concerning True prophets & teachers and their support***

- 13:1 But every true prophet who is willing to dwell among you is worthy of his meat,
- 13:2 likewise a true teacher is himself worthy of his meat, even as is a labourer.

- 13:3 Thou shalt, therefore, take the firstfruits of every produce of the wine-press and threshing-floor, of oxen and sheep, and shalt give it to the prophets, for they are your chief priests;
- 13:4 but if ye have not a prophet, give it unto the poor.
- 13:5 If thou makest a feast, take and give the firstfruits according to the commandment;
- 13:6 in like manner when thou openest a jar of wine or of oil, take the firstfruits and give it to the prophets;
- 13:7 take also the firstfruits of money, of clothes, and of every possession, as it shall seem good unto thee, and give it according to the commandment.
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## **CHAPTER 14**

### *Concerning reconciliation amongst the Saints*

- 14:1 But on the Lord's day, after that ye have assembled together, break bread and give thanks, having in addition confessed your sins, that your sacrifice may be pure.
- 14:2 But let not any one who hath a quarrel with his companion join with you, until they be reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be polluted,
- 14:3 for it is that which is spoken of by the Lord. In every place and time offer unto me a pure sacrifice, for I am a great King, saith the Lord, and my name is wonderful among the Gentiles.
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## **CHAPTER 15**

### *Selection of leaders & those who sow strife*

- 15:1 Elect, therefore, for yourselves bishops and deacons worthy of the Lord, men who are meek and not covetous, and true and approved, for they perform for you the service of prophets and teachers.
- 15:2 Do not, therefore, despise them, for they are those who are honoured among you, together with the prophets and teachers.
- 15:3 Rebuke one another, not in wrath but peaceably, as ye have commandment in the Gospel; and, but let no one speak to any one who walketh disorderly with regard to his neighbour, neither let him be heard by you until he repent.
- 15:4 But your prayers and your almsgivings and all your deeds so do, as ye have commandment in the Gospel of our Lord.
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## ***PART 4: The Last Days & The Return of Christ***

### *Instruction in understanding the signs of the last days*

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## **CHAPTER 16**

### *Concerning the Last Days*

- 16:1 Watch concerning your life; let not your lamps be quenched or your loins be loosed, but be ye ready, for ye know not the hour at which our Lord cometh.
- 16:2 But be ye gathered together frequently, seeking what is suitable for your souls; for the whole time of your faith shall profit you not, unless ye be found perfect in the last time.
- 16:3 For in the last days false prophets and seducers shall be multiplied, and the sheep shall be turned into wolves, and love shall be turned into hate;
- 16:4 and because iniquity aboundeth they shall hate each other, and persecute each other, and deliver each other up; and then shall the Deceiver of the world appear as the Son of God, and shall do signs and wonders, and the earth shall be delivered into his hands; and he shall do unlawful things, such as have never happened since the beginning of the world.
- 16:5 Then shall the creation of man come to the fiery trial of proof, and many shall be offended and shall perish; but they who remain in their faith shall be saved by the rock of offence itself.
- 16:6 And then shall appear the signs of the truth; first the sign of the appearance in heaven, then the sign of the sound of the trumpet, and thirdly the resurrection of the dead
- 16:7 - not of all, but as it has been said, The Lord shall come and all his saints with him;
- 16:8 then shall the world behold the Lord coming on the clouds of heaven.

# **Basic Christian Doctrines II**

## **Foundations of Faith**

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## PART 1: THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

### I. How God is Known

#### A. If God exists then how is He known?

1. The Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God. It simply states that He exists from Genesis, the opening book of the Bible.

**Gen 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

2. God is revealed “by faith” to the individual

**Heb 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes (approaches so as to come near) to God must believe that He is (exists), and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Rewarder** –a “renumerator” One who repays for goods or services or one who brings compensation to recompense for losses encountered; God rewards, gives incentive to, compensates or repays adequately anyone who acknowledges Him then searches for. In other words, “You cannot lose anything by seeking God”

#### B. God is not seen; He is invisible

**Col 1:15** Who (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

**1Ti 1:17** Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Joh 1:18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

**Ex 33:20** But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

**Mt 11:27** "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

**Know:** (epiginosko) to know upon some mark, i.e. recognize; by implication, to become fully acquainted with, to acknowledge:--(ac-, have, take)know(-ledge, well), perceive.

**Reveal:** (apokalupto)to take off the cover, i.e. disclose:--reveal.

#### C. In Jewish thinking God is recognized (known)” ONLY BY EXPERIENCE” in the natural world.

**“I know because I have experience”  
as opposed to  
“I know because I have information”**

God is understood only by experience through the things He has created. As He is revealed in creation He becomes known in the intuitively heart of the individual. “The heart responds, ‘There must be a God’ – faith is born!

It is through this experiential (personal) revelation that proof of the reality of God is derived. It is God’s handiwork or creation bears witness to the human soul that He exists.

**Ge 12:7** Then the LORD appeared (*ra’ah*) to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared (*ra’ah*) to him.

**RA’AH** *ra’ah* to see or be seen: to be near, to perceive; to appear, to behold, to discern, to have experience, gaze, take heed, to mark, to regard, to see.

**God is omnipresent – so Abraham just simply became aware of, or perceived, God’s presence and God “rewarded” him.**

- We think in time and space. There is no time and space with God. He is present all the time everywhere.
- Natural man has tried to describe, and discount, such “mystical” encounters with God as merely “mythical” or a “fairy tale”

**Rom 1:19-20** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead,

**KNEW (KNOW, KNOWN)** ginosko: to "know" (absolutely)—to allow, to be aware of, to feel or have experience with, to have intimate knowledge, to perceive or "make the connection to", to be resolved about, the ability to speak with authority about, be completely certain, to have full understanding (truth). i.e., the ability to perceive, to know or be on such familiar terms with that it is readily recognizable and grasped: "intimacy with".

*Examples of experiential knowledge in scripture:*

**Mt 1:24-25** Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know (*ginosko*) her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

**Mt 12:33** "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known (*ginosko*) by its fruit.

**Mt 13:11** He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know (*ginosko*) the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

**Mt 16:8** But Jesus, being aware (*ginosko*) of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?"

**1Co 13:12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know (*ginosko*) in part, but then I shall know (*epiginosko*) just as I also am known (*epiginosko*).

**EPIGINOSKO** : to know upon some mark, i.e. recognize; implying to become fully acquainted with, to acknowledge completely:--to have knowledge of or fully complete recognition of perception of, to know with absolute certainty

#### **D. -General Revelation. Knowledge derived from nature and creation.**

**Ps 19:1-2** The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.

**Ro 1:18-20** For the wrath of God is revealed (*gnostos*) from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men (*anthropos*), who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known (*gnostos*) of God is manifest in them, for God has shown (*phaneros*) it to them.

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made (*poihma*), even His eternal power and Godhead (divinity), so that they are without excuse,

**COSMOS** world –universe and all that is in it -creation

**POIHMA** – a product or thing that is made, workmanship of a worker. i.e., all that is created proves a "designer"

**ANTHROPOS** – man is a moral and intellectual being –someone of higher existence had to create him

**PHANERO(S)** *phanero* - to render apparent –to appear, to manifestly declare, to make manifest, act of showing

**Ac 17:24-29** God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.

Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

**Ac 17:29** Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

#### **E. God is known through the experience of His presence**

**Ex 33:14** And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

**Le 22:3** "Say to them: 'Whoever of all your descendants throughout your generations, who goes near the holy things which the children of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has uncleanness upon him, that person shall be cut off from My presence: I am the LORD.

God reveals Himself to those who search for Him in faith

**Heb 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder (provides compensation to or gives Himself to) of those who diligently seek Him. (search for Him)

#### **F. God is known through His covenants of blessing with men**

1. In the Old Testament He is known through His willingness to make covenants of blessing with men

**Le 26:3-7** 'If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them, then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land.

You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you.

**Eze 34:26-27** "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

2. In the New Covenant God is known through the Son – Jesus declared His existence

**Joh 1:18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

**Mt 11:27** "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

3. Jesus was an exact representation of God

**Joh 14:7** If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

**Joh 14:9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

#### **G. God is known intuitively through the human soul**

-Innate (intrinsic or instinctive) or intuitive (perceptive) Knowledge.

(a) Conscience

(b) The law written on the heart.

**Ro 2:14-15** for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

#### **H. God is revealed through the record of the written Word - The Bible**

-Revelation in the heart through knowledge acquired from the scriptures.

- The bible tells that Jesus was an exact representation of God

**Heb 1:1-2** God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

**Joh 5:39** Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which testify (report or bear witness) of me

## I. God is known through ongoing revelation of truth and knowledge acquired through the Holy Spirit

**Joh 15:26** But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

**Joh 16:13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

## II. God is the only god

### A. There is ONLY ONE God (monotheistic)

**Deut 6:4** "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

**Deut 32:39** God said, "I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me"

**Ex 20:3** You shall have no other gods before Me.

**Mr 12:29** Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**1 Tim 2:5** There is only one God

**1 Cor 8:4-6** Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one.

For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

### B. Early Church

The first Christians, like the Jews before them, were fiercely monotheistic. They were willing to die horrible martyrs' deaths in the Coliseum—being slain by gladiators, devoured by wild animals, crucified, or tied to a stake and turned into human torches—rather than concede the existence of any other gods.

The first Christians took God at his word and were willing to stake even their lives on the certainty that there is only one God.

This adamant insistence on monotheism is taken directly from many places in the Bible. Jesus addressed his Father, saying, "And this is eternal life, that they know you—the only true God." John 17:3

This is a clear and emphatic statement of truth!. Despite this there exists numerous others, both "Christian" and non-Christian, Believers and non-Believers, which reject Jesus' teaching. i.e., "There are many gods...just pick one you like"

This is also a direct contradiction of God's declaration himself in Isaiah 43:10:

"'You are my witnesses,' says the Lord, 'and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me'"

The "one and only God" who is created all and is over all implies "absolute, final and definitive judgment" in all things concerning all that is both "seen and unseen"

"The assertion that there is only one God is the assertion that issues of moral behavior are not matters of personal taste. We cannot decide by majority vote that it is all right to steal and lie, any more than we can decide that winters should be mild or cookies more nourishing than vegetables" - *Bruce Nielson, Apologetics, Christianity and Inter-faith* May 9, 2008

**Mal 2:10** Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another by profaning the covenant of the fathers?

**Mr 12:32** So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.

**Ac 7:35** "This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush.

**Ro 3:30** since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

**1Co 8:6** yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

**Eph 4:6** one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

**1Ti 2:5** For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

**Jas 2:19** You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!God's Existence

C. Scripture teaches and instructs the truth of "only one God":

**Yahweh** is the personal name of God in the Hebrew Bible, while **Jehovah** in the English and Greek Bible. This form is a modern scholarly convention: Hebrew scripts write it as four consonants, rendered in Roman letters as **YHWH**, due to the fact that most alphabets, prior the Greek alphabet, did not display vowels, and required that vowels be mentally pronounced in the proper places. The most likely meaning of the name may be "He Brings Into Existence Whatever Exists," but there are many theories and none is regarded as conclusive by scholars.

Yahweh (Jehovah) expresses the word LORD or SUPREME above all other considered gods. It also expresses the phrase as "The Lord OUR God". Its meaning is understood as "God (who is OUR personal god) is the ONLY TRUE GOD". There are no other gods to consider.

It expresses God as "personal" to each individual as opposed to a group of people. God is personal to the individual first and foremost. – relationship

The Bible describes Yahweh as the one true God who delivered Israel from Egypt and gave the Ten Commandments: "Then God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am Yahweh (the Supreme Lord) you God who brought you out of Egypt, where you lived as slaves. You shall have no other gods to rival me.'"

**Isa 48:11** For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it; For how should My name be profaned? And I will not give My glory (honor due to me alone) to another.

**Isa 42:8** I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory (honor due Me only) I will not give to another, (bestow upon) Nor My praise to idols (carved images).

**Note: Jesus was the only "person" who God has given His glory to. He glorified Jesus because of the cross.**

God revealed himself to Israel as a "jealous" God who would not permit his people to make idols or follow gods of other nations or worship gods known by other names,

**De 6:4-5** "Hear (listen intently so as to cause you to be obedient), O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all **your** heart, with all **your** soul, and with all **your** strength.

1. "there is no one like Yahweh our God." Exodus 8:10
2. "Yahweh, He is God; there is no other besides Him." Deuteronomy 4:35
3. "Yahweh, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other." Deuteronomy 4:39
4. "See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me" Deuteronomy 32:39
5. "Hear, O Israel! Yahweh is our God, Yahweh is one [echad]!" Deuteronomy 6:4
6. "You are great, O Lord God; for there is none like You, and there is no God besides You" 2 Samuel 7:22
7. "For who is God, besides Yahweh? And who is a rock, besides our God?" 2 Samuel 22:32
8. "Yahweh is God; there is no one else." 1 Kings 8:60
9. "You are the God, You alone [bad], of all the kingdoms of the earth." 2 Kings 19:15
10. "O Lord, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You" 1 Chronicles 17:20
11. "You alone [bad] are Yahweh." Nehemiah 9:6
12. "For who is God, but Yahweh? And who is a rock, except our God" Psalm 18:31
13. "You alone [bad], Lord, are God." Isaiah 37:20
14. "Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me." Isaiah 43:10
15. "I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me." Isaiah 44:6
16. "Is there any God besides Me, Or is there any *other* Rock? I know of none." Isaiah 44:8
17. "I am Yahweh, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God." Isaiah 45:5
18. "Surely, God is with you, and there is none else, No other God." Isaiah 45:14
19. "I am Yahweh, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:18
20. "Is it not I, Yahweh? And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me." Isaiah 45:21
21. "I am God, and there is no other; *I am* God, and there is no one like Me" Isaiah 46:9
22. "And Yahweh will be king over all the earth; in that day Yahweh will be *the only* one [echad], and His name *the only* one[echad]." Zechariah 14:9
23. "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one [hen] and love the other, or he will be devoted to one [hen] and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." Matthew 6:24
24. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one [hen] flesh"? " Matthew 19:5
25. "But do not be called Rabbi; for One [hen] is your Teacher, and you are all brothers." Matthew 23:8

26. "Do not be called leaders; for One [hen] is your Leader, that is, Christ." Matthew 23:10
27. "'The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one [hen] Lord;'" Mark 12:29
28. "you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only [monos] God?" John 5:44
29. "I and the Father are one [hen]." John 10:30
30. "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only [monos] true God" John 17:3
31. "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one [hen], just as We are one [hen]" John 17:22
32. "since indeed God is one [hen]" Romans 3:30
33. "to the only [monos] wise God, Amen." Romans 16:27
34. "there is no God but one [hen]" 1 Corinthians 8:4
35. "yet for us there is *but* one [hen] God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one [hen] Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him." 1 Corinthians 8:6
36. "Now a mediator is not for one *party only*; whereas God is *only* one [hen]." Galatians 3:20
37. "There is one [hen] body and one [hen] Spirit, one [hen] hope, one [hen] Lord, one [hen] faith, one [hen] baptism, one [hen] God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-6
38. "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only [monos] God" 1 Timothy 1:17
39. "which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only [monos] Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone [monos] possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal dominion! Amen." 1 Timothy 6:16
40. "For there is one [hen] God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus," 1 Timothy 2:5
41. "You believe that God is one [hen]. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder." James 2:19
42. "For certain persons deny our only [monos] Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." Jude 4
43. "the only [monos] God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." Jude 25

### III. The Nature & Character of God

#### A. God is pure Spirit

God is a being that is not made of physical substance, He has no parts or dimensions and cannot be perceived intellectually or by any of our natural senses .

In His being God is: "A pure Spirit of infinite and unfathomable perfections."

**Joh 4:24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

**1 Tim 1:17** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**John 1:18** No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

#### B. God is Holy

God is separate from and unable to be influenced by sin.

**Isa 6:3** Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

**Psa 99:9** Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy."

**Lev 19:2** Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**Jas 1:13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

#### C. God is Peaceful

God is separate from all strife, confusion and disorder.

**1 Cor. 14:33** For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

**Rom. 15:33** The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

#### D. God is Just in all judgment

God's decisions are always impartial and fair – completely righteous

**Job 36:4** For truly my words are not false; One who is perfect in knowledge is with you.

**Job 37:16** Do you know how the clouds are balanced, Those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge? [*and therefore "perfect" judgments*]

**De 32:4** He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

**Job 34:12** Surely God will never do wickedly, Nor will the Almighty pervert justice.

**Ps 89:14** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

**Ps 101:1** I will sing of mercy and justice; To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.

**Isa 16:5** In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."

**Isa 30:18** Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

**Ho 2:19** I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;

**Ho 12:6** So you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, And wait on your God continually.

**Isa 30:18** Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

**Re 15:3** They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!"

#### **E. God is Perfect**

God is Infinitely Perfect in character and in His ways. He is boundless and limitless in being and virtues. God and His perfections are one God possesses all good qualities and does not lack any, nor does He have any qualities that are EVIL.

**Job 36:4** For truly my words are not false; One who is perfect in knowledge is with you.

**Job 37:16** Do you know how the clouds are balanced, Those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?

**2 Sa 22:31** As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

**Ps 5:4** For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You.

**Ps. 18:30** As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

**Matt. 5:48** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

#### **F. God is Beautiful**

God in His being is the sum of all desirable qualities.

**1Ch 16:29** Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

**2Ch 20:21** And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever."

**Ps. 27:4** One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

**Ps 90:17** And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

#### **G. God is Glory-filled**

"God's glory is the created brightness that surrounds God's revelation of Himself" -*Grudem, Sys. Theol., p. 220.*

**Rom. 3:23**...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Ps. 24:10** Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty - he is the King of glory.

**1Ki 8:27** But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

**Ps 96:4-3** For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.  
Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

**Ps 99:2-3** The LORD is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.  
Let them praise Your great and awesome name-He is holy.

**Isa 57:15** For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

**Jer 23:24** Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him? says the LORD; Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.

#### **H. God is Truthful & Faithful**

Not only is God the true God, but His words and knowledge are true, and are in fact the standard by which truth is judged.

**Nu 23:19** God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

**Is. 45:19** I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.

**Titus 1:2...**a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time...

**Heb. 6:18** God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.

#### **I. God is Wise**

1. Not matter what the circumstances and situation, God always knows what to do.

**Job 12:13** To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.

**Rom. 11:33** Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

**Ps 147:5** Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite

2. God is Good eternally & completely

Again, God not only is good, but is the standard for goodness. There is no evil intent or motive in Him.

**Luke 18:19** 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good - except God alone.'

**Ps 52:1** Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.

**Ps 100:5** For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

3. God possesses unfathomable Love

God's love means that He continually gives of Himself to others

**1 John 4:16...**God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

**Ro 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Ro 8:39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**2Co 13:11** Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

**Jude 1:21** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

#### **J. God is Merciful, Compassionate & Gracious bringing comfort**

1. God is brings comfort towards those in misery and distress

**Ex. 34:6** The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness...

**2 Cor. 1:3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort...

**Eph 2:4** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

**Ro 15:5** Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

**2Co 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

**2Co 1:4** who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

#### **K. God is Gracious to ALL people**

1. God is good towards those who don't deserve good.

**Rom. 3:23-24**...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

**1 Pet. 5:10** And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

#### **L. God is Patient – long suffering**

1. God is 'slow to anger'

**Ps. 103:8** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**1 Tim. 1:16** But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

### **IV. The Attributes Of God**

These are the three areas of attributes of God:

- Absolute attributes (Incommunicable)

These qualities belong EXCLUSIVELY to God apart from any relationship to His creation both natural and spiritual creations and creatures. This includes the “seen” and “unseen” creation”. They reflect His personal inherent excellence and uniqueness apart from all that was created.

- Relative Attributes (how God relates)

These qualities represent the attributes of God in His relationship to His creation both natural and spiritual. These are found in how God relates to all His creations

- Moral Attributes (character)

These are the qualities of God in which man can experience and imply moral action and responses on His part.

#### **A. Absolute Attributes (Incommunicable)**

1. Immeasurable & Immense.

God's is not bound by natural measurements such as distance & time. He has no boundaries.

**2Ch 6:18** But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

**1Ki 8:27** But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

**Ps 139:8** If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

2. Completely Independent

God has life in Himself and does not depend on His creation or creatures for anything

**Joh 5:26** For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

**Isa 40:18-26** To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?  
The workman molds an image, The goldsmith overspreads it with gold, And the silversmith casts silver chains.

Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution Chooses a tree that will not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful workman To prepare a carved image that will not totter.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless.

Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, And they will wither, And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble. To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.

3. *Eternal*

God has neither beginning nor end, His existence is eternal. Therefore God has no reference of time and space or distance or anything that can be measured

**Ge 1:1** In the beginning God...(creation of the creation)

**Ge 21:33** Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.

**De 33:27** The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'

**Ps 90:2** Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

**Ps 102:24** I said, "O my God, Do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations.

**Isa 43:10** You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.

**1Ti 1:17** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Re 1:4** John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

4. *Immutability*.

God is unchallengeable. He possesses "absolute, unassailable, indisputable and undeniably absolutely correctness" in all His judgments. He is truth! He makes no mistakes!

**Nu 23:19** God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

**Ps 33:11** The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.

**Ps 102:27** But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.

**Mal 3:6** For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

**Heb 6:17** Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,

**Jas 1:17-18** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

5. *Self-Sufficiency*.

Because God is the self-existent one, he Himself is not cognizant of any need. He is completely sufficient within Himself to exist with no dependence of any other thing else

**Ps 50:12** If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

**De 10:14** Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it.

6. *Unity.*

God is the one and only true God. There is no such thing as any other God. Any other “so-called god” is a creation of man’s vain imagination or of demons who have convinced man that they are the true god. The Hebrew word for “one” denotes a plural unity, not a single unity as in Gen.2:24 “the two shall become as one” or as in Gal 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

The Unity of God refers to one Lord and God who eternally exists and manifests Himself in a threefold way: God the Father, God the Son and God Holy Spirit

**De 6:4** "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

**ONE** dxa 'echad, properly, united, (i.e. one; or first:--alike, alone, altogether, one and only, only, together) This word is used repeatedly to denote “the FIRST & ONLY” to the exclusion of every thing else.

**Ex 20:3** You shall have no other gods before Me.

**De 4:35** To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.

**Ps 86:10** For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

**MYHLA** 'elohiyim, gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God OR “God alone”

**1Ti 2:5** For there is one (“only”) God and one (“only”) Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

**B. Relative Attributes.**

These qualities represent the attributes of God in His relationship to His creation both natural and spiritual.

1. *Omnipotence.*

God is all-powerful or possesses unlimited power. He is able to act and produce according to His desire and will. God has the ability to limit or control His power by what He says.

**Ps 138:2** I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving-kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

**Ps 115:3** But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

**Ps 135:6** Whatever the LORD pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places.

**Jer 32:17** Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

**Isa 40:27-31** Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, And my just claim is passed over by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

**Isa 45:9** Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'?

**Job 42:2** "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.

**Dan 4:35** All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

**Lu 1:37** For with God nothing will be impossible."

**Ro 9:20** But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"

2. *Omniscience.*

God is all-knowing. God is perfect in knowledge: He knows all things simply and perfectly.

There is a theological distinction between God's omniscience being "inherent" and "total":

- **Inherent omniscience** - the ability to know or NOT know anything. It is a choice that God makes to know some things and not know other things.
- **Total omniscience** - actually knowing everything that can be known.

Some theologians argue that God's omniscience is **inherent** rather than **total**, meaning that God chooses to limit his omniscience in order to preserve the freewill and dignity of his creatures to make choices of their own volition. There are some things in God's sovereignty that He chooses to know and some things He chooses not to know. This provides for a freedom of interaction of God with all created beings both natural and spirit. This is the doctrine of freewill for all creatures, spirits, angels, both God and Jesus.

On the other hand, there were theologians of the 16th Century, namely Calvin & Knox, who were comfortable with the definition of God as being Totally omniscient, in that God, who "knowing all things", had to choose who He deemed to be "worthy beings" to be saved and those deemed "unworthy beings" for damnation. It is God's sovereign choice to choose. This is the doctrine of predestination.

**Ps 36:6** Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast. Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

**Ps 92:5** O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.

**Ps 147:5** Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

**Isa 40:28** Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

**Ro 11:33** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

**Joh 21:17** He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

1 John 3:20 For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

3. *Omnipresence.*

God is the Creator and sustainer of all things. He is present universally and simultaneously in every part of His creation.

**Omnipresence** is the property of being present everywhere.

**Eastern theism** - God is present everywhere. Divine omnipresence is thus one of the divine attributes, although in western theism it has attracted less philosophical attention than such attributes as omnipotence, omniscience, or being eternal.

**Western theism** - roughly described as "the ability" to be "present everywhere at the same time", referring to an unbounded or universal presence (at the same time, some] claim God is not omnipresent). It is related to the concept of ubiquity – "the ability to be everywhere or in many places at once".

**1Ki 8:29** "that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place.

**Ps 139:7-12** Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me;

Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

**Isa 6:3** And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

**Isa 66:1** Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?"

**Am 9:2** Though they dig into hell, From there my hand shall take them; Though they climb up to heaven, From there I will bring them down;

4. *Godhead or Trinity (To be more fully discussed in Basic Christian Doctrines –Part III)*

**1Jo 5:7** For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

**2Co 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

**1Pe 1:2** elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

**Mt 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**C. Moral Attributes (Communicable).**

Those attributes found in God which provide good, right, honest, just, proper, honorable action on His part and can be communicated to man through experience with God for right and correct decisions in living.

1. *Holy. Separate from Sin*

**Ex 15:11** Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?

**Isa 6:1-5** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

**Re 4:8-11** The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.

2. *Love, Grace, mercy & longsuffering*

**Ne 9:17** They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And in their rebellion They appointed a leader To return to their bondage. But You are God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them.

**1Jo 4:8** He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**Joh 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Ps 86:15** But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

**Ro 2:4** Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

**Ro 3:24** being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

3. *Justice and Righteousness*

**De 32:3-4** For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God.  
He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice;  
Righteous and upright is He.

**Isa 28:17** Also I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place.

**Ge 18:25** "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

**2Ti 4:8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**Ps 5:5** The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.

4. *Mercy and Goodness*

**Ps 36:5** Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Ps 86:5** For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

**Ps 107:8-9** Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!  
For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

**Ps 118:29** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

**Eph 2:4-5** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

**1Pe 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

5. *Truth and Faithfulness*

**Nu 23:19** "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

**De 32:4** He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

**2Ti 2:13** If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

**Ro 3:4** Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."

6. *Providence (God's provides, sustains & satisfies)*

**Ps 145:15-16** The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season.  
You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**Col 1:17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

**Heb 1:3** who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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**Ps 37:1-3** Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.  
For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.  
Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

7. *Sovereign (Supremacy over all things)*

**Da 4:35** All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

**Ps 1:5** Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**Eph 1:11** In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

**Re 4:11** You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

## V. The Names Of God

God has revealed Himself through nature, in scripture, and in His special names in the Bible as encounters with man occurred. These names are of divine origin and not of human invention, though they are derived from human language. By His special names we learn much about who God is in His being and nature.

### A. The Old Testament Names of God.

<b>El</b>	This is the oldest name and English form for God, and means, “to be strong, power, might.” Expressing the general idea of God, El is linked on to other descriptive titles of God in the following names.	
<b>Elohim</b>	This is a plural name emphasizing fullness or greatness. It is a term suggesting the Trinity, a plurality of powers responsible for creation (Gen.1:1, where “God” is Elohim).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used about 2500 times in the OT implies the greatness of His might.</li> <li>• Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.</li> </ul>
<b>El-Elyon</b>	. “The Most High God” points to the God’s exalted nature as the object of reverence and worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 54 times in OT</li> <li>• an elevation, i.e. (adj.) lofty (compar.); as title, the Supreme:--(Most, on) high(-er, -est), upper(-most).</li> <li>• Ge 14:18;Deut 32:8</li> </ul>
<b>El-Shaddai</b>	“The almighty God” portrays Him as the Strength-giver, the Satisfier, the All-sufficient One who enriches and makes fruitful As the “God of overpowering might,” He controls all the powers of nature and makes them serve His purpose. He is “God the Omnipotent.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 47 times in OT</li> <li>• the Almighty:--Almighty. ;to be burly, i.e. (figuratively) powerful (passively, impregnable); by implication, to ravage:--dead, destroy(-er), oppress, robber, spoil(-er), X utterly, (lay) waste.Strength-giver; Satisfier; All-sufficient One</li> <li>• Ge 17:1 ;Ge 28:3-4 ;Joh 15:2 ;Isa 40:26 ;2Ch 20:6</li> </ul>
<b>El-Olam</b>	“The Everlasting God” (Gen.21:33). Here we have the thought of the eternal duration of the being of God. “From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God” (Psa.90:2). He is also God over everlasting things.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 3 times in OT</li> <li>• Ge 21:33</li> <li>• Ps 90:2</li> </ul>
<b>Adonai</b>	Usually rendered “Lord” and frequently used in addressing God. Explicitly recognizes God’s ownership and rule over mankind.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 6,053 times in OT</li> </ul>
<b>Jehovah</b> (Hebrew: “Yahwah” or “YHWH)	“I will be that I will be”. God revealing Himself as the God of grace and redemption. Regarded as His most sacred and distinctive name. The following compound names of Jehovah reveal Him as One well able to meet man’s every need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 340 times in OT</li> <li>• (the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God:--Jehovah, the Lord.</li> </ul>
<b>Jehovah-Elohim</b>	“Lord God” This first of the compound name of Deity emphasizes God’s Creator relationship, His relationship to Israel, as well as moral authority over man and His redemptive power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 93 times in OT</li> <li>• gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used of the supreme God; the exceeding, God (gods)(-dess, -ly), X (very) great, judges, X mighty.</li> <li>• Gen.2:4,7,15,16</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Ge.2:16,17-24; 3:8-19,21; 24:27; 28:13).</li> </ul>
<b>Jehovah-Jireh</b>	“The Lord will provide” While he is able to provide all that man and beast require, the narrative implies the provision of sacrifice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 1 time in the OT</li> <li>• Jehovah will see (to it); Jehovah-Jireh, a symbolical name for Mount Moriah:--Jehovah- jireh.</li> <li>• Gen 22:14</li> </ul>
<b>Jehovah-Rapha</b>	“The Lord that heals you” This speaks of God the healer of both our bodies and souls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 62 times in OT</li> <li>• to mend (by stitching), i.e. (figuratively) to cure:--cure, (cause to) heal, physician, repair, X thoroughly, make whole.</li> <li>• Ex 15:26</li> </ul>
<b>Jehovah-Nissi</b>	“The Lord our Banner” He is the mighty Victor of the Amalekites of the flesh. In Him, we are more than conquerors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 1 time in OT</li> <li>• Jehovah (is) my banner; Jehovah-Nissi, a symbolical name of an altar in the Desert:--Jehovah-nissi.</li> <li>• Ex 17:8-15</li> <li>• See also Gal 5:17 in NT</li> </ul>
<b>Jehovah-Shalom</b>	“The Lord our Peace” The Lord, who became our peace, provides peace for the guilty sinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 1 time in OT</li> <li>• Jehovah (is) peace; Jehovah-Shalom, a symbolical name of an altar in Palestine:--Jehovah-shalom.</li> <li>• Judges 6:24</li> <li>• See also Eps 2:4 &amp; Col 1:20 in NT</li> </ul>
<b>Jehovah-Raah</b>	“The Lord is my Shepherd” Psalm 22 speaks of peace through the blood of the cross, and in this Shepherd-Psalm, the Savior Shepherds His own blood washed ones in a hostile world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 144 times in OT</li> <li>• to tend a flock; i.e. pasture it; intransitively, to graze (literally or figuratively); generally to rule; by extension, to associate with (as a friend):--X break, companion, keep company with, devour, eat up, evil entreat, feed, use as a friend, make friendship with, herdman, keep (sheep)(-er), pastor, + shearing house, shepherd, wander, waste.</li> <li>• Psalms 23:1</li> <li>• See also John 10:11 in NT</li> </ul>
<b>Jehovah-Tsidkenu</b>	“The Lord our Righteousness” Man has no righteousness of his own to plead. Naked we must come to him who was made righteousness for us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 2 times in OT</li> <li>• Jehovah (is) our right; Jehovah-Tsidkenu, a symbolical epithet of the Messiah and of Jerusalem:--the Lord our righteousness</li> <li>• Jer 23:6</li> <li>• See also 2Cor 5:21 in NT</li> </ul>

<b>Jehovah-Saboath</b>	“The Lord of Hosts” This frequently used designation implies God’s power and supremacy in every realm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 463 times in OT</li> <li>• To mass and army or servants, to assemble, fight, muster, wait upon, war</li> <li>• 1 Sam 1:3; Psalms 24:10</li> </ul>
<b>Jehovah-Shammah</b>	“The Lord is Present” This name promises God’s abiding presence with His people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 1 time in OT</li> <li>• Jehovah near, Used 1 time in OT Jehovah-Shammah, a symbolic title of Jerusalem:--Jehovah-shammah.</li> <li>• Ezek 48:35; Psa 16:11; Psa 46:7; Psa7:11</li> <li>• See also Matt 28:20; Heb 13:5</li> </ul>

B. The New Testament Names of God.

The New Testament simply uses Greek equivalents for the Hebrew names of the Old Testament.

<b>Theos</b>	This is simply the word for “God” and is the most common name used in the NT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 1177 times in NT</li> <li>• deity, especially (with 3588) the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very:--X exceeding, God, god(-ly, -ward).</li> </ul>
<b>Kurios</b>	This is the word for “Lord”, a name that is applied not only to God but also to Christ. God the possessor and ruler of all things and His people, as the one who has regal power and authority.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 687 times in NT</li> <li>• supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title):-- God, Lord, master, Sir</li> </ul>
<b>Pater</b>	God the Father. Expressive of the special relation of the Father to the Son, as well as God’s relationship with Israel (Dt.32:6; Isa.63;16).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used 372 times in NT</li> <li>• a "father" (literally or figuratively, near or more remote):--father, parent.</li> </ul>

## PART 2: THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS

### I. Probability of Jesus Fulfilling Old Testament Prophecies

The number of prophecies Jesus fulfilled varies due to interpretation of the Old Testament. Jesus is never mentioned directly by name. In Jewish tradition a person's real identity was recognized by the "function they served" or the what they represented. This is thought is repeated in the New Testament. Interestingly, today we look to names so as to identify "what people are or what they represent". Names mean something!

#### The Probability of Jesus Fulfilling Prophecy in a Passover Plot

—*Touching Hearts Ministries, Author Unknown*

"The probability that all the monkeys in Africa could run over to a single typewriter and, without error, retype all the books in the English language is 1 in  $2 \times 10^{10}$ .

Those odds are better than the probability of Jesus fulfilling all Messianic prophecies.

The probabilities are based on eight predictions occurring in a population of  $10^{11}$  people (the total population who ever lived on the earth):

The total composite probability for **eight events** is  $1 \times 10^{17}$  are calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &= (1/a * 1/b * 1/c * 1/d * 1/e * 1/f * 1/g * 1/h) / \text{total population} \\ &= (1/200,000 * 1/100 * 1/1,000 * 1/1,000 * 1/1,000 * 1/1,000 * 1/10,000 * 1/100,000) / 10^{11} \\ &= 10^{28} / 10^{11} = 10^{17} \end{aligned}$$

[That is **1,000,000,000,000,000,000!**]

"I am unable to determine if these odds are correct by examining their methodology, so I have to determine if they are reasonable"

Number of Events	Probability
8	$10^{17}$
16	$10^{45}$
24	$10^{73}$
48	$10^{157}$

### II. Jesus' Pre-existence as God

**Ge 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Joh 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**Joh 17:5** And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

**Joh 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

**Joh 16:28** I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

**Psalms 139:16** All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**Da 3:25** He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

### III. His Old Testament Preparation

#### A. Jesus applied all past prophecies and predictions of the Messiah to Himself.

**Ge 3:15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.

**Ge 49:10** The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

**Joh 1:1-2** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

**Joh 5:39:** You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, and these are they which testify of Me.

**Lk 24:27:** "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself."

**Lu 24:44-45** Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me. And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

**Heb 10:7:** "Then I said, Behold I have come- In the volume of the book it is written of Me- to do your will of God."

1. Theophanies of Jesus

**theophany** - a visible (but not necessarily material) manifestation of a deity to a human person, a manifestation or a clear appearance; "a manifestation of great emotion"

**Ge 16:7** Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

**malak** -to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically, of God, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher):--ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

**Ex 3:2** And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

**Ge 18:1** Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.

**Ac 7:37-38** This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.

This is He who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,

**Jos 5:13-15** And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"

So He said, "No, but as Commander (Prince) of the army (hosts) of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

Then the Commander of the LORD'S army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

**IV. Jesus –The Word spoken into (natural) existence**

**Joh 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **Joh 1:45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

**Lu 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

**Ge 3:15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

**Ge 22:18** "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

**Ge 26:4** "And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

**Ge 49:10** The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people. (satan no longer rules over man)

**Nu 21:9** So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. (ref: John 12:33 "If I be lifted up...")

**De 18:15** "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

**Ps 16:9-9** Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

**READ Psalm 22:1-31**

**Ps 132:11** The LORD has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body."

**Isa 7:14** "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

**Isa 9:6-7** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**Isa 40:9-11** O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

**Isa 50:6** I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

**Isa 53:1-12** Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked-But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

**Jer 23:5-6** "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

**Jer 33:14-16** 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

**Eze 34:23-24** "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them-My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

**Eze 37:24-27** David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.

Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.

Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, (Jesus is our peace) and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

**Da 9:24** "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

**Mic 7:20** You will give truth (Jesus) to Jacob And mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.

**Mal 3:1-3** Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap.

He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.3:1

**Mal 4:2-6** But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this," Says the LORD of hosts.

Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

## V. The Incarnation of Christ

### A. Jesus was born of a virgin supernaturally.

Jesus had no human father. He was divinely conceived in the womb of Mary. It is the greatest miracle ever and a vital Christian doctrine. Isaiah prophesied 700 years before about the virgin birth of Jesus . The "virgin birth" was actually a "virgin conception

### B. The Incarnation

**Isa 7:14** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

**Mt 1:23** "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

**Lu 1:31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

**Lu 1:34-35** Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

## VI. Jesus -Son of God & Son of man

### A. The Humanity of Jesus

Jesus was fully man - human

#### 1. Jesus' life bore witness that He was human

Jesus had to grow physically and grow in natural and spiritual knowledge just like every other natural man.

He went to school, He was "potty-trained", He experienced emotions from joy to sadness, physical tiredness, troubled emotions and even temptation. He experienced both natural birth and natural death! He experienced every thing all men experience in their natural bodies

**Mt 8:24** And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

**Lu 2:40** And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

**Lu 2:52** And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**Lu 22:44** And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

**Joh 4:6** Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

**Joh 11:35** Jesus wept.

**Joh 12:27** Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

**Heb 2:10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

**Heb 2:18** For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

**Heb 5:7-8** who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

2. God bore witness that He was human

**Ac 2:2** "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know...

**Ro 5:15** But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

**1Co 15:21** For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

**Joh 8:40** "But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.

**Heb 2:14** Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

## B. The Deity of Jesus

Jesus was fully God - deity

1. The Scripture affirmed that He was God & Man

**Ps 2:7** "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

**Isa 9:6** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Col 2:9** For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

**Joh 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**Lu 3:38** the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

**Re 2:18** "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, "These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

2. Jesus affirmed that He was God

**Joh 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM

**Joh 10:30** "I and My Father are one."

**Joh 14:9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

**Joh 9:35-37** Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"  
And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

**Ro 1:4** and declared (*by God*) to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

3. Angels affirmed that He was God

**Lu 1:35** And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

4. The devil & demons affirmed that He was God

**Mt 4:3** Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.

**Mt 8:29** And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

**Mr 3:11** And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

**Lu 4:41** And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

5. People affirmed that He was God

**Joh 20:28** And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

**Mr 1:1** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**Joh 11:27** She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

**2 Pe 1:1** Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

**1 Ti 3:16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

**Joh 20:31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

### C. The Oneness with the Father

Jesus possessed Oneness with the God

1. Self-Existence of Jesus

**Joh 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Joh 5:26** "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

**Joh 10:30** "I and My Father are one."

**Joh 14:10** "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

**Php 2:6-8** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2. Eternal Existence of Jesus

**Joh 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**Joh 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

**Col 1:16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

**Heb 1:8-10** But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

**Heb 7:1-3** For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

**Heb 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**Re 1:8-18** "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

3. Immutability of Jesus (unchallengeable)

**Heb 1:10-12** And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment;

Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

**Heb 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

4. Omnipresence of Jesus (able to be present everywhere)

**Mt 28:20** "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Joh 14:18** "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

**Joh 8:59** Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

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**Joh 6:21** Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

5. Omniscience of Jesus (ability to know all things)

Omniscience is the ability capacity to know everything infinitely especially the motives in the heart of people. (i.e., character to include thoughts, feelings, motivation, etc.)

The Bible refers to God "The Great I Am," among other similar names, which also incorporates his omnipresence and omnipotence

**Mt 9:4** But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

**Lu 6:8** But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

**Lu 9:47** And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him,

**Lu 11:17** But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.

**Col 2:3** (*Jesus*) in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

6. Omnipotence of Jesus (unlimited or universal power, authority, or force)

**Mr 1:27** Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

**Joh 5:19-22-22** Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

"For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

"For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

#### D. The Authority of Jesus

Jesus possessed the same authority as the God

1. Lord of the Sabbath

**Mr 2:27-28** And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. "Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

**Ge 2:2-3** And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

**Lu 6:5** And He said to them, "The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

2. Lord of Hosts Commander, commissioner and controller of Angels

**Mt 13:41** "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

**Mr 13:27** "And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

3. Forgiver of Sin

**Mt 9:2** Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

**Mr 2:5-7** When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

"Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

**Mr 2:10** "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" --He said to the paralytic,

**Lu 5:20-24** When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts?

Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?

But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" --He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

**Lu 7:48** Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

4. Lord over death and Hell

**Mt 9:24-25** He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.

**Lu 7:14-15** Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

**Joh 11:43-44** Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

**Re 1:18** "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

5. Creator and Preserver of all Things

**Joh 1:3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**Eph 3:9** and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

**Col 1:1-17** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

**Heb 1:2** has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

6. Judge of all Men

**Mt 13:39-43** "The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

"Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.

"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

"and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

"Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

**Mt 16:27** "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

**Mt 25:31-33** "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

"All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

"And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

**Joh 5:22-23** "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

**Ac 10:42** "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

## VII. The Sinless Nature of Jesus

**Isa 53:9** And they made His grave with the wicked-But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

**Lu 23:41** "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

**Joh 8:29** "And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

**Joh 8:46** "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?"

**2Co 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Heb 4:15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**1Jo 3:5** And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

**Mt 27:4** saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"

**Heb 7:26** For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

**Heb 9:4** how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

1Pe 2:22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

## VIII. The Roles of Jesus

### A. Jesus as Savior

1. Scripture tells of Jesus as Savior

**Jer 23:6** In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

**Mt 1:21** "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

2. Jesus calls Himself Savior

**Joh 10:9** "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

**Joh 12:47** "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

**Joh 3:17** "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

3. Others called Jesus Savior

**Lu 2:11** "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Joh 4:42** Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

**Eph 5:23** For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

**2Ti 1:10** but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

**Tit 1:4** To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Tit 2:10** not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

**Tit 2:13** looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**Tit 3:4** But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

**Tit 3:6** whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**2Pe 1:1** Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

**2Pe 1:11** for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**2Pe 2:20** For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

**2Pe 3:2** that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

**2Pe 3:18** but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

**1Jo 4:14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

## **B. Jesus Christ the Prophet**

1. Jesus calls Himself a prophet

**Lu 13:3** "Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

2. He claimed to bring a message from God.

**Joh 8:26-28** "I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

**Joh 14:24** "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

**Joh 17:8** "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

**Joh 17:26** "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

3. He was recognized and elicited praise as a Prophet and teacher from God.

**Mt 21:11** So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

**Mt 21:46** But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

**Lu 7:16** Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

**Lu 24:19** And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

**Joh 4:19** The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

**Joh 3:2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

## **C. Jesus Christ the Priest (Intercessor)**

1. Jesus presented Himself as an offering for sin

**Ro 3:25-26** whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Heb 9:12** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

**Heb 2:7** Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

2. Jesus is the High Priest & Mediator

**Heb 3:1** Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

**Heb 4:14-15** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 9:11-15- But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

**Heb 9:24-28** For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another--

He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Heb 10:19-22 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

and having a High Priest over the house of God,

let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

3. Jesus is the Eternal Intercessor for all transgressions

**Isa 53:12** Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

**Ro 8:34** Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

**Heb 7:25** Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

4. As Priest He continues His intercessory ministry for the church on earth

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5. As the Priest, He is a kingly one robed with the full splendor of the throne of God, having the distinct glory of a finished saving work

**Heb 10:10-14** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

**Re 5:6** And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

**Re 5:9** And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

**Re 5:12** saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

#### **D. Jesus Christ the King.**

1. He reigns over us.

**Ps 2:6** "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

**Mt 2:2** saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

**Mt 27:11** Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" So Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

**Ac 17:7** "Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king--Jesus."

**Re 11:15** Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

**Re 19:16** And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

**Joh 1:49** Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

**Zec 9:9** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

**Joh 12:13** took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"